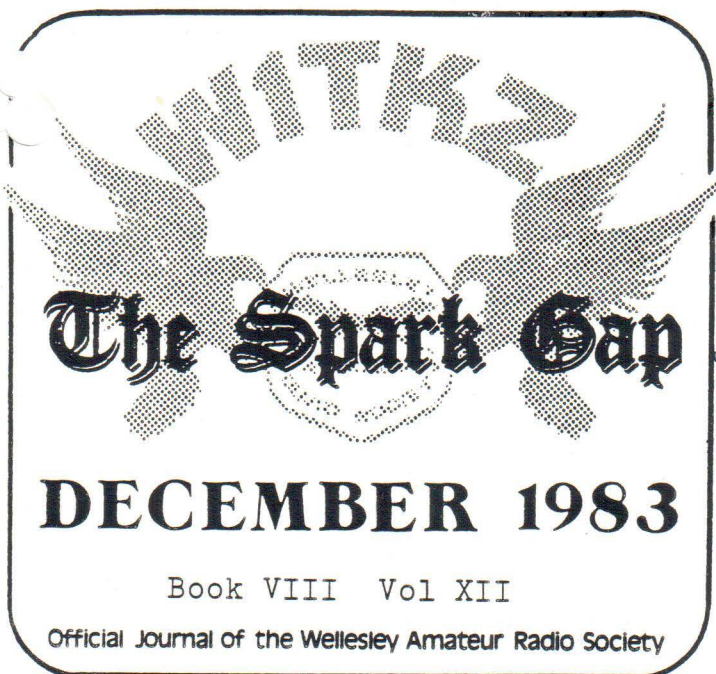




MESSAGE FAIR

We have received final confirmation of the message fair from the Framingham Mall and we are all set to go. Unfortunately they have given us quite a few restrictions which we will have to live with.

First, they require that the days we are there we have someone at the tables all day. This eliminates week-day night operations so we have decided to operate two weekends instead, for a total of four days. The dates will thus be December 10, 11, 17 and 18. They have also limited us to only two tables which means we will only be able to set up the minimum necessary equipment. This also means we will have to limit the number of people present and so we will operate from a strict schedule.

The message fair is still our best chance to make ourselves and Amateur Radio in general known to the public. The location may affect the number of messages we originate but there will be still be plenty of shoppers to whom

we can "show our stuff".

We will need about four people at all times to man the booth. The hours will be Saturdays from 9:30 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. and Sundays from noon to 6:00 p.m. Shifts will be three hours, so if you have three hours or more available on any of these days please contact Erik Thoresen, K1OGF, at 655-7048 and sign up. We will also need help setting up. Set up will be Saturday, December 10 starting at 7:00 a.m. which should give us plenty of time to get ready before the mall opens at 9:30.

Erik has done a fine job in the difficult task of locating us a site this year. Now lets all support him and make the message fair a success. Even if you don't have time to help out, at least come by and say hello during your holiday shopping. We will be set up almost exactly in the middle of the mall and should be easy to find. Remember also that because we will be spending so much time at the mall, there will be no meetings this month. See you back at the club in January, and have a happy holiday season!

Dues Dues Dues...

For those of you who still have not paid your dues, this is your last warning! After this issue of the Spark Gap we will have to drop you from the Wellesley Amateur Radio Society mailing list. Please get your dues into Treasurer C.J. McDonald, WB1BUM, 48 Hale Street, Newton, Mass. 02164 as soon as possible.

MEETINGS THIS MONTH:

None. See you at the Message Fair December 10, 11, 17, 18.

President's Message

by Nels Anderson, K1UR

If you missed the November 3 club meeting you are probably wondering why I'm writing the president's message. As you know, our elected President, Dick Paret, W1ZLQ, resigned when he moved from the local area down to Marshfield and I have now taken over his duties.

The mechanics of this are somewhat confusing, so let me try to explain. The club constitution provides for the President to make appointments to fill any vacated office, but does not make any mention of what to do in case of a vacated presidency. However, it does state that the Vice President can act in the absence of the President and so we assumed the V.P. could appoint a new President and that is what was done. In order to become President I had to resign as Recording Secretary and David Kent, N2AWG, has agreed to fill that post.

These changes should make little difference in the club schedule. We have already established a good activities program for the year and with the help of Allan Bacon, K1BA, have had the best series of meeting programs the club has ever had. Our programs and activities will continue through the rest of the year.

What we do need is for more of you to become involved. There are still some club offices vacant and I would like to appoint people for these offices. I would especially like to see someone take on the job of Publicity Coordinator. In addition, there are many of you who have never taken part in any club activity or even come to a meeting. The usual excuse is lack of time but I really don't believe that one. Anyone can find the time for those things they really want to do. So those of you who have never taken part, how about it? I think once you get involved you will enjoy yourself so please give it a try.

NEW CLUB MEMBERS

Once again this month we have large group of new members we would like to welcome into the club. They are: John Antes, KB1EB, of Wayland; Daniel Goodwin, K1JML, of Waltham; Thomas Browning, W1ELQ, of Needham; Harrison Ball, K1IBU, of Sudbury; Roy and Betty Crossman of Natick; Duke Hoang, N6JBA, of Brighton and Los Angeles; John Chapman, W1WER, of Dover; William Baker of Southboro; Dan Quintiliani, K1KLP, of Newton; John Sangster, W3IKG, of Wellesley; Pat Connolly of Avon; Dr. Gerald Isenberg, N1AKY, of Wayland; James L. McGrath, K1GOU, of Holliston.

"New Tickets"



Congratulations to Bob Drapeau who has now received his final call sign, having achieved Extra Class. Bob has traded in KB1JM for K1TK which should provide some confusion on the repeater with club V.P. David Curry whose call sign is the exact opposite, K1TK.

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Minutes

Meeting of October 20, 1983:

The meeting was opened at 7:45 p.m. by Recording Secretary Nels Anderson, K1UR, with about 25 in attendance.

The evening's program was shown. A slide show tour of the ARRL headquarters and W1AW was presented.

After a break, the business portion of the meeting was called to order at 9:01 p.m.

The treasurer's report was given.

Volunteers were solicited to help with an Amateur Radio demo for the Boy Rangers on December 10.

After some discussion, it was decided that the Extra Class seminars would be held Wednesday nights beginning November 2.

Tom Kinahan, N1CPE, gave a report on the work he has been doing to the repeater. The problems we had been having with the town about our receive site were also reported.

The flea market was discussed, and people were assigned to do the few jobs that were necessary before Sunday.

The meeting was closed at 9:25 p.m.

Meeting of November 3, 1983:

The meeting was opened at 7:36 p.m. by Vice President David Curry, K1TK, with about 25 present.

The secretary's report was given.

The treasurer's report was given, including results of the flea market. Major expenditures this month were for a rotator and an electrical installation at our VHF contest site in Vermont.

Acting with the powers of President after the resignation of Dick Paret, W1ZLQ, Vice President David Curry, K1TK, appointed Nels Anderson, K1UR, as new club President. This left the office of Recording Secretary open, and David Kent, N2AWG, was appointed to this office.

Erik Thoresen, K1OGF, will be meeting with the Framingham Mall people next week to finalize the dates and other details of the message fair.

Bob Drapeau, K1TK, gave a report on planning for the November Phone Sweepstakes operation from W1TKZ. He is checking with the Red Cross on what antennas they will allow, and has secured the help of the fire department in installing them.

Skid Schermerhorn, W1TTY, mentioned that the Wellesley Townsman had a notice that fees for flea markets in town had been raised from \$5 to \$10. We've never paid any fee for ours, so this is something to be looked into next year to avoid any problems.

Bill Hanlon, N1ADY, presented a W.A.R.S. awards program proposal. After discussion, it was voted to institute the program as presented and Bill accepted the position of awards committee chairman. The rest of the com-

mittee consists of Tom Burton, N1BCQ, and Nels Anderson, K1UR.

The business portion of the meeting was closed at 8:03 p.m.

The evening's program consisted of a slide tour of the Dayton Hamvention (the world's biggest). Also, John Sangster, W3IKG, gave a talk on the effects of electro-magnetic pulse (EMP) on radio equipment and what can be done to prevent its effects.

WARS NET

The Wellesley Amateur Radio Society net has now been running for several months and has proven to be a success. There have been over ten check-ins per net, including many of our new members. In addition to giving everyone a chance to talk and get to know each other better, the NCS gives a report on happenings in the club and in Amateur Radio in general. This makes it possible to keep up with the news of Amateur Radio better than is possible with monthly magazines.

The only thing the net needs is you. Please plan on checking in next Sunday at 7:00 p.m. on 147.63/03.

Participants so far have been: K1OGF, N1CPE, K1UR, K1LJM, K1BA, W1EDF, N1ADY, K1ENP, N2AWG, N6JBA, N1CCR, N1CPF, N2CJH, W1LMU, W1BUM, W1ZLO, K1JWE, W1FCY, N1BCP, K1TK, N1ABS, W1SCS.

Flea Market

Our annual fall flea market was held on Sunday, October 23 and was fairly successful once again. The weather held out just long enough to get the flea market in, so except for being a bit cool it was not a bad day.

This year we tried moving to Sunday and also distributed many more fliers but these changes didn't seem to make any difference. Our attendance was about 250 which is the same as previous years. Of course since our expenses were almost nothing (just the cost of the advertizing fliers) the

club still made out just fine financially. We also found that we still had some junk left over from the club and we able to sell most of it to pad the treasury even more.

We had a pretty good turnout of club members and it looked like everyone had a good time. Those club members who brought stuff to sell for the most part did very well.

ANNOUNCEMENT

You are invited to listen and talk to Vern "Rip" Riportella, WA2LQQ, when he discusses "The Amateur Radio Effort in Space" on the Teleconference Radio Net, Thursday December 1, 1983 at 8:05 p.m. This is your chance to hear about the future of Amateur Radio in space from the president of AMSAT.

In the Boston area you may participate in the conference through the Honeywell 1200 RC sponsored Billerica Repeater 147.72/17 MHz. You may also listen on the Sharon 146.265/865 repeater. All Amateur Radio operators are welcome to participate and non-Hams may listen on vhf scanner type radios or contact Amateur Radio operators near them. All Amateurs are welcome to check into the net, however it is not necessary to check into the net to participate.

During the teleconference 100 Amateur repeaters around the U.S.A. will be connected to allow two way conferencing. The Teleconference Radio Net uses the latest multipoint teleconferencing technology to tie together repeaters across the U.S. The objective is to allow hams to listen and talk to leaders and experts from the Amateur Radio, scientific and electronic communities. Typically, more than 2000 Amateurs are tuned into the speaker for questions and discussion.

The topic for the March session will probably be "Amateur Radio and the Law".

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DANGEROUS CRIMINAL AT LARGE

from The Feedline via ARNS

Please help us find him! A reward of Five Hundred Microfarads is offered for information leading to the arrest of Hopalong Capacity. This unrectified criminal escaped from a Weston primary cell where he had been clapped in ions. He is charged with the murder of his Ant Enna and Uncle Con Denner, as well as with the induction of an 18 turn coil called Milli Henry, who was found choked and robbed of valuable joules. He is also charged with the theft of a rich Heaviside Layer cake from a Mrs. Dipole.

On top of all these charges, he is being sought for driving a DC motor over a Wheatstone Bridge and refusing to let the band pass. If encountered, he may offer serious resistance.

The Electro Magnetic Force spent the night searching for him in a magnetic field where he was reported to have gone to ground. They had no success and now believe he has returned ohm via a short circuit. He was last seen with his friend Eddy Current riding a kilocycle. Eddy was playing a harmonic.

Charges against Hopalong Capacity are being pursued under Ohm's Law.

Update: Hopalong Capacity was captured and put in a dry cell, charged with assault and battery. After wiring for the current files on him, a trial date was set in the First Circuit Court.

When Capacity was discharged from his dry cell into the First Circuit courtroom, he jolted the unprotected ground of regulators who had come to see the "circuits". He was bleeding off electrons profusely, appeared wan and undercharged, and it was clear that he had resonated in sloppy conditionals, for he was full of bugs. He is more kilohms at the magnetron behind

the benchmark, and had to be subordinated by force. The ground, whose conduct was previously good, now resisted the magnetron's attempt to damp their noise. The magnetron had to threaten to clear the circuit in order to reestablish his impendence.

Hamnews

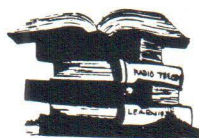
Getting tested will be much harder for Radio Amateurs next year if the FCC follows through on its plans to greatly reduce its testing schedule. An official of the Long Beach, California, Field Office told Gordon West, WB6NOA, that his office, as well as all others in the country, would go to a quarterly testing schedule early next year. Not only Amateur, but examinations for the General Radiotelephone commercial license would be held only in February, May, August, and November. Examinees would have to pre-register in the previous month by mail with the local Field Office. A Field Office representative informed West that the FCC would not be using Commission facilities, but rather would be seeking out rental space (or donated space) for the testing. This story was confirmed by a Washington FCC spokesman just before we went to press. At this time, nobody has yet taken "credit" for the decision, but many knowledgeable hams believe that this is a maneuver to force some organization (ARRL?) to take upon itself the responsibility for Amateur testing nationwide. Thanks WB6NOA, others.

Westlink Report, November 4, 1983

The "Take 10 Net," heard at 28.200 MHz SSB, is not an Amateur Radio operation, although most operators use "ham-sounding" callsigns. Check-ins and the NCS openly admit that they are former 10 1/2 meter illegals who have moved up to 10 to avoid QRM from other pirate stations. The net organizes illegal DX activities; hams are advised not to participate.

Westlink Report, November 4, 1983

education corner



The last regular session of the General class was held on November 14 with nine in attendance. The class is planning to go to the FCC in Boston as a group to take their General or Technician exams in the middle of this month. Good luck to all!

profiles

by Nels Anderson, K1UR

This month Profiles looks at Arthur Thompson, KALENP. Art is the club education chairman and is thus responsible for the licensing classes the club holds. He has, in fact, been teaching the club's Novice classes almost since he received his own Novice license, also through a club class taught by David Curry, K1TK.

Art is currently a Wellesley resident but grew up on Long Island, New York. He has a extensive education, including an A.B. from Colby, S.M. from Harvard, M.B.A. from Chicago and an honorary Sc.D. from Colby. He is currently provost at Wentworth Institute of Technology in Boston. Art is obviously well qualified to run our education program!

When at home, Art likes to operate CW on the low bands with his Kenwood TS520SE and trap dipole which he put up with the help of Roger Smith, W1EOA. He is also on 2 meter FM using a Kenwood TR7730 in the car as well as an Icom IC-2AT and can thus often be found on the club's repeater.

Though licensed only a few years ago, Art first became interested in Amateur Radio when in sixth grade, back in the 30's. A visit to a neighbor's ham shack was his first introduction to the hobby, but it took

fifty years and the coming of retirement to get a license. Art will be retiring this coming July and will be looking for a part time job.

In addition to Amateur Radio, Art is also interested in music, especially choral music and oratorio. He shares his home with his wife, a retired Girl Scout executive. He also has two daughters and one grandchild.

Hamnews

The national Amateur Radio Society of Poland has informed ARRL that all Amateur Radio activity in that country has been restored. According to a letter written by SP8TK, secretary of the society, as of October 1 the Ministry of Telecommunications has returned Amateur Radio licenses and transmitting equipment to their owners. "This ends fully the period of suspension of Amateur Radio activity in Poland, which started on 13 December 1981 with introduction of martial law."

ARRL Letter, October 28, 1981

According to an FCC news release dated October 20, the Commission has streamlined the rules for stations operating with an Experimental Radio license. The agency removed the mandatory routine reporting requirement for certain experimental authorization and replaced it with a requirement to submit reports only upon specific Commission request as determined on a case-by-case basis. FCC also axed some technical requirements, and said it will instead require that occupied bandwidth, frequency tolerance and other transmitter characteristics of the experimental station be indicated on the application.

Additionally, the FCC chopped the requirement for filing a petition for rulemaking with an experimental application. Instead, a public notice will be issued to alert the public to experimental radio station authoriza-

tions.

Radio Amateurs have traditionally requested experimental licenses to explore new technologies and spectrum prior to their entrance into the ham radio mainstream. Experimental licenses have been granted to hams making propagation studies in the future 18- and 24-MHz bands, as well as the new 902-928 MHz spectrum.

ARRL Letter, October 28, 1983

Amateurs desiring to supply questions or other material for use in the All Volunteer Testing Program are asked to send the material to the Private Radio Bureau, FCC, 1919 M St. NW, Washington, D.C. 20554. Mark the envelope "ATTN: John B. Johnston - A/R test material" for speedy delivery.

Westlink Report, November 4, 1983

No effective date for the ten year U.S. license term has been announced by the FCC. The Commission needs a delay in order to give the Gettysburg facility time to update their computers.

Westlink Report, November 4, 1983

Hereabouts...

by Bill Hanlon, NLADY

Think about it for a minute. Have you noticed that over the years we at the Wellesley Amateur Radio Society have been very fortunate in having so many outstanding Amateurs as members.

The people I have in mind are the ones who have supported the club and Amateur Radio in ways like teaching radio classes, editing our award winning newsletter, serving as club officers, serving as ARRL officials, organizing events such as the message fair, the marathon, contest, Field Day, the auction, and the flea markets, maintaining our repeater, developing our relations with the town of Wellesley, and the list goes on.

Well, now is the time when we can give some public recognition to these

people and a good way to do this is through the Wellesley Amateur Radio Society Awards Program.

Right now we need your input. Who do you think is deserving of special recognition for making noteworthy contributions? (This is a tough one because we have a lot of people to choose among.)

Please write your nominations for the Wellesley Award (and the reasons why) on a piece of paper and get it to any member of the awards committee before February 1. The present members of the committee are Bill, NLADY, Tom, N1BCQ and Nels K1UR.

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COURT RULING MANDATES ROYALTIES

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In a surprise decision late last month, Federal District Judge Mickey Harlan Mouse ruled that users of special theories and formulae must pay royalties to their originators or to the estates thereof. The ruling applies, but was not limited to, Ohm's Opinion, Pascal's Law, Bernoulli's Principle, the Marconi Effect and Einstein's Theory of Relativity. This decision comes on the heels of a recent California Court ruling making it illegal to make videotape recordings. A new lawsuit along similar lines has been filed in Judge Mouse's court asking that owners of radio and television receivers be prevented from using them to receive radio and television broadcasts without the payment of a royalty to the originator of each broadcast received. Judge Mouse refused to talk to TV reporters about the matter unless he was paid a large royalty. Readers may remember a similar court ruling several years ago which outlawed the Ohm's law and substituted Ohm's Opinion for use in computing current, voltage and resistance.

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